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Naval Intelligence Division
Captain Allan L. Reed, Chief, Estimates Section
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1. Captain Reed said that his organization found the ORR reports very useful in its work particularly since it has no economic analysts to make such studies. He observed, however, that the ORR reports often contain unnecessary and elementary material ("primer type"), such as definition of a "torpedo," "waves started keep on going," etc. Also, at the same time many reports include unnecessary technical detail for their purposes.

2. For the general purposes of naval intelligence, Captain Reed said that brief abstracts of ORR reports was a "wonderful idea." In many cases such abstracts should fully meet their requirements. His section frequently is called upon to summarize and condense ORR and other intelligence reports for other offices.

3. Captain Reed indicated a need for more adequate factual data on trade and commodity movements.

4. Regional studies would be helpful to naval intelligence in assessing the logistic support of Soviet naval forces in the Far East, the Baltic, and in the Black Sea. General regional studies would provide a useful background for such logistical studies.

5. In response to a question with regard to a periodic review of Soviet economic developments, Captain Reed said that such a study would be very useful to his department. He said that he knew of no such report in the government at the present time in spite of its obvious value to many agencies.

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